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Environment Department to Honor “Green” Businesses at Awards Ceremony on Thursday, October 13

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will honor nine New Mexico businesses and organizations for their efforts at preventing pollution with its Green Zia Awards on Thursday, Oct. 13. Environment Secretary Ron Curry and Lt. Governor Diane Denish will present the awards, administered by NMED’s Office of Pollution Prevention. The ceremony will be held at the Governor’s Mansion in Santa Fe on Thursday, Oct. 13, from noon to 2 p.m.

“Governor Richardson has long held that businesses can improve their bottom line by being environmentally friendly,” Secretary Curry said. “These Green Zia Awards are part of a statewide effort to recognize businesses that take a systematic approach to being more green. Businesses that decrease wastes, improve their profits, showing that pollution prevention is not only good for the state’s environment, it is also good for business and New Mexico’s economy.”

For the first time, a number of dairies, a fast-growing and important part of the state’s economy, are being recognized for their progressive efforts at streamlining and managing their waste resources. And Cannon Air Force Base, a repeat winner, is being recognized for achieving the level of Excellence in its environmental programs.

“Cannon Air Force Base reduced its hazardous waste by 80 percent, its solvent waste by 96 percent and succeeded in diverting more than 7,000 tons of reusable materials from its landfill,” Secretary Curry said. “In all, these actions saved Cannon \$200,000, truly demonstrating that environmental efficiencies can translate into cost savings.”

The following organizations will be honored on Thursday:

Excellence Recognition

Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis

Achievement Recognitions

Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque

NASA White Sands Test Facility, Las Cruces

Vista Corrugated, Santa Teresa

Commitment Recognitions

Do-Rene Dairy

Milagro Dairy

Rajen Dairy

SDR Dairy

Vaz Dairy

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